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In re Application of: Jerry E. Mann

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For: APPARATUS FOR A RECLINING AND Retractable Slings  
RETRACTABLE SLING SEAT FOR A  
PORTABLE TREE STAND

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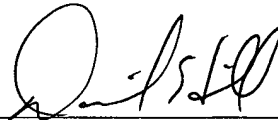
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**DECLARATION ATTESTING TO MAILING OF PATENT  
OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**

I, David M. Hill, declare that on August 15, 2002, a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (CPA) dated July 29, 2002 was timely filed. A copy of this response is attached hereto, including the Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a). On March 11, 2003, applicant submitted a Status Inquiry, but no response was ever received. No further Patent Office communication has been received by our office regarding the above-referenced patent application, until the Notice of Abandonment dated September 26, 2003.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



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